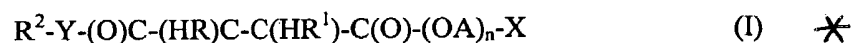


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An anionic surfactant of the formula (I):



wherein one of R and R¹ is a C₆ to C₂₂ linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl, and the other is hydrogen;

Y is O, or NH, or -NH-CH₂-C(=CH₂)-, or -N(CH₂-CR³(=CH₂))-CH₂-C(=CH₂)- where R³ is hydrogen or methyl;

when Y is O, R² is hydrogen, or a salt, or a C₁ to C₆ linear or branched alkyl, or an optionally substituted C₃ to C₁₀ linear or branched alkenyl;

when Y is NH, or -NH-CH₂-C(=CH₂)-, or -N(CH₂-CR³(=CH₂))-CH₂-C(=CH₂)- where R³ is hydrogen or methyl, R² is hydrogen or methyl;

OA is an oxyalkylene group;

n is 2 to 100; and

X is a group comprising at least one acidic H atom, or a salt thereof.

2. (Original) An anionic surfactant according to claim 1 wherein one of R and R¹ is a C₁₂ to C₂₀ alkenyl group.

3. (Currently amended) An anionic surfactant according to ~~either one of claims 1 and 2~~ claim 1 where n is in the range from 5 to 30.

4. (Currently amended) An anionic surfactant according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein X comprises at least one sulphur atom.

5. (Currently amended) An anionic surfactant according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R² is an group of formula -CH₂-C(=CH₂)-R⁴ where R⁴ is hydrogen

